

**REMARKS**

Claim 32 stands rejected under 35 USC 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter, since claim 32 is directed to a computer program per se and not associated with a computer readable medium. In response thereto, claim 32 has been amended appropriately.

Claims 18 through 31, 34, and 35 stand rejected under 35 UCS 102(b) as being anticipated by Schofield '331. Claims 32 and 33 stand rejected under 35 UCS 103(a) as being unpatentable over Schofield in view of Asahi '346.

In responding to these rejections, the applicant has cancelled independent claims 18 and 34 and replaced them with new claims 36 and 37 respectively. Method claim 36 contains the features of previous claims 18, 19 and a portion of former claim 21. Moreover, claim 36 contains an additional limitation specifying that the end of travel motion symbol extends substantially transverse to the illustrated expected future course of travel at the location thereof directly before the displayed position of the obstacle. This limitation is clearly disclosed in Fig. 3 of the instant invention as reference symbols 214 or 212 and in the associated portions of the specification. Claim 37 is equivalent to claim 36, but using functional language ("means for") for each of the separate method steps. The dependent claims have been amended accordingly for consistency with the respective base claim. The applicant submits that the invention as amended is distinguished from the prior art of record for the following reasons.

In rejecting former claim 21, the Examiner refers to Fig. 6, items 70a and 70b of the Schofield reference. Although these reference symbols do

indicate a path of travel on the displayed image relative to associated obstacles, this disclosure of Schofield does not meet the limitations of method step h) in new claim 36, since Schofield does not indicate a separate end of travel signal disposed approximately at the level of the determined position of the obstacle in the image. Moreover, claim 36 also specifies that the end of travel motion symbol extends substantially transverse to the illustrated expected future course of travel at the location thereof directly before the displayed position of the obstacle. This recitation therefore constitutes an image illustration of a barrier extending substantially transverse to the direction of motion of the vehicle at the location of the obstacle and thereby serves as an immediate graphical warning that proceeding beyond that limit will result in a collision. This graphical illustration constitutes a clearly recognizable warning of imminent collision which is missing from the Schofield reference.

Device claim 37 is similarly distinguished from the Schofield reference, since it contains analogous recitations.

The invention as claimed recites limitations not disclosed in prior art which have associated advantages and is therefore sufficiently distinguished from that prior art to warrant patenting in the United States. The remaining dependent claims of record inherit the limitations of the respective base claim and are therefore also patentable. The applicant respectfully requests review and acceptance as well as passage to issuance of a United States patent.

No new matter has been added in this amendment.

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